IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arnegaard et al. Group Art Unit: 3663

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For: Implementing A Network Dkt.: 14.0209-PCT-US Atty

Infrastructure In A Seismic (WGEC0106) Acquisition System

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c), request consideration of the following amendments prior to the examination of the attached Request for Continued Prosecution of the above identified application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.